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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Penetration of ZIPPER by the East German
Security Service (SP3)

1. Reference is made to the EE memorandum, subject as above,
dated 14 July 1955.

2. According to an additional report the total number of
persons arrested is now fifteen. Of this number nine have made
either full or partial confessions. Ludwig ~~WILHELM~~, one of the
ZIPPER members involved, committed suicide while in confinement
without having confessed. Also among the remaining five who have
not confessed is the other ZIPPER member Ludwig ~~WILHELM~~.

3. Also among those denying the charges is one Felix ~~VIESE~~
whose wife Ruth ~~VIESE~~ nee ~~SCHWARZ~~ was employed as a translator in
the U. S. Army intelligence school at Garmersheim, Germany. Infor-
mation as to the specific time of this employment is not available.
No further details have been received concerning the other alleged
penetrations of U. S. Army installations listed in paragraph 4 of
the above-mentioned memorandum.

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